

Senate Study Bill 3119 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON EDLER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a grant program to provide financial assistance
2 for the digitization of county records.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8.6, Code 2020, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 17. *Digitization of county records.*

4 a. To establish and administer a county records digitization
5 grant program to provide financial assistance to counties
6 to digitize county records, including those books and
7 records listed in section 331.508. A county may apply to
8 the department of management for a grant under the program,
9 which application shall demonstrate that the county is able to
10 pay for seventy percent of the cost to digitize the county's
11 records. On receiving a valid application, the department
12 of management, in its discretion, may issue a grant to the
13 county. The grant shall not exceed thirty percent of the cost
14 to digitize the county's records.

15 b. To administer the county records digitization grant fund
16 created in section 8.76.

17 c. To adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A as necessary to
18 administer the grant program.

19 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 8.76 **County records digitization grant**
20 **fund.**

21 1. A county records digitization grant fund is established
22 in the state treasury under the control of the department of
23 management. The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated to
24 or deposited in the fund.

25 2. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department of
26 management for the exclusive purpose of issuing grants under
27 the county records digitization grant program established
28 pursuant to section 8.6, subsection 17.

29 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund
30 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of a
31 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
32 expenditure for the purposes designated. Notwithstanding
33 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in
34 the fund shall be credited to the fund.

35 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 331.509 **County records digitization**

1 grant program.

2 A county may apply to the department of management for a
3 county records digitization grant under the program established
4 pursuant to section 8.6, subsection 17. A county applying for
5 a county records digitization grant shall demonstrate that
6 the county is able to pay for seventy percent of the cost to
7 digitize its records.

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EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill requires the department of management (DOM) to
12 establish and administer a county records digitization grant
13 program. The bill requires a county applying for a grant to
14 demonstrate that the county is able to pay for 70 percent of
15 the cost to digitize the county's records. The bill prohibits
16 DOM from issuing a grant to a county that exceeds 30 percent of
17 the cost to digitize the county's records.

18 The bill establishes a county records digitization grant
19 fund in the state treasury under the control of DOM. Moneys
20 in the fund are appropriated to DOM for the exclusive purpose
21 of issuing grants under the program. The bill does not
22 appropriate moneys or otherwise provide for revenue to the
23 fund.